

GEORGE M. LILLEY DIES AT HIS HOME THIS MORNING

Well Known Citizen Had
Many Friends in This
County.

A KEEN BUSINESS MAN

Funeral Will Be Held Friday
Afternoon From the
Residence.

George M. Lilley, one of the best known men of this city, aged 54, died at 2:45 o'clock this morning at his home on Washington street, after an illness of a few days. Several years ago Mr. Lilley was severely injured in an automobile accident, from which injuries he had never entirely recovered but only a few days ago was his condition considered serious at which time he was taken suddenly very ill and continued ill until this morning when he passed away.

Mr. Lilley was a Pennsylvanian by birth but a West Virginian by adoption and choice. He was born near Fairchance, Pa. July 27, 1862. His father was a native of the state of Maryland and his mother was a West Virginian, having been born in Barbour county. The deceased was born on a farm and spent the early years of his life on the farm. His parents being unable to give him an education he early in life had to make his own way. After leaving the farm he spent several years in digging coal and being of a thrifty nature he saved his earnings and learned the stonemason's trade. Mr. Lilley came to Fairmont in the year 1892 and engaged in a general contracting business in stone work. Scores of structures for which he laid the foundation in this city are monuments to his ability as a stonemason.

Displaying a keen business foresight, in the year 1900 Mr. Lilley purchased one of the best sand banks in this state from which industry he accumulated considerable profit. By sheer pluck and hard labor he forged ahead in this city and was recognized as among its most successful businessmen.

Mr. Lilley was a Democrat and served his party in several capacities having been a member of the city council and in November, 1909, he was elected county commissioner for a term of six years and in the year 1911 was elected president of the county court. He was a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows being identified with the Palatine lodge of the organization.

The deceased numbered his friends among the thousands and his death is sincerely regretted in this community. He was possessed of a charitable disposition and the poor and needy who appealed to him for aid did not go away empty handed, though he had no respect for the idler or the trifler, his own life having demonstrated that man can be self made.

He is survived by his wife, who was formerly Miss Mahel Morgan, and two children at home, Pearl and Earl. Two other sons, George and Arch Lilley, also survive. Several children are deceased.

The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence and interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery by Undertaker R. L. Cunningham. Services will be conducted by Rev. R. T. Webb, pastor of the M. E. church, south, assisted by Rev. H. G. Stoetzer, pastor of the Presbyterian church. The Palatine Lodge of Odd Fellows No. 84 will attend the services in a body.

Robinson Fills the Philippi Court House

(Special Dispatch to West Virginian)
PHILIPPI, W. Va., Nov. 1.—Judge E. Robinson invaded the Tygart's valley this morning in his campaign for the governorship, he was accompanied by ex-Governor A. B. White. At Berryburg at nine o'clock this morning the ex-Governor and next Governor addressed an enormous crowd and in this town at 11 o'clock only a few of those who wanted to hear the speakers could crowd into the court house. The Judge continues to speak out in warning against Watsonism and the danger of its insidious power in the event of the election of Watson's candidate John J. Cornwell.

Late this afternoon Judge Robinson will speak at Belington and tonight he is in Elkins.

THREE IN AUTO KILLED
HINTON, W. Va., Nov. 1.—James Gwinn a wealthy lumber manufacturer, was instantly killed as were Mrs. Holland and Miss Adna Gunther who were riding with him when the auto was struck by Chesapeake and Ohio railroad train near here today. His arm was cut off and when found a hundred feet from scene of accident he still gripped the steering wheel of machine.

TO ALL SUBSCRIBERS OF WEST VIRGINIAN AT BELLVIEW AND BARNSTOWN.

Our collector will call on you November 1, 1916 and collect for the month of October.

M. D. PRICKETT.

A BUSINESS PROPOSITION

(An Editorial.)

RECENTLY during a bridge letting by the County court at which time the suspicion of favoritism, which would cost the taxpayers hundreds of dollars, was so pronounced that one of the bidders was moved to protest, a county commissioner, by way of reply, launching into an angry assertion that Marion county is one of the most progressive counties in the state. It is that—in everything but its county government. The people of Marion county spend \$600,000 a year for county and school purposes. For a county of 60,000 inhabitants that is a truly magnificent sum and should procure for them an administration of county affairs many times more efficient and up-to-date than they get. They would spend this sum and more with the utmost cheerfulness if they had reason to believe that they were getting full value for their outlay. But they are not—far from it—unless they are willing to agree that keeping a close corporation of political hangers-on in comparative luxury is part of their duty.

And in addition to the shortcomings of their government as a business they are confronted with turpitude in high places which is making Marion county a byword throughout the country. Instead of being famed for progressiveness we are held up as a horrible example. So bad has this condition become that it is a serious handicap to private enterprise and the future development of this particular section of the state.

The very spirit of the men who control affairs is wrong. They do not believe it is a right of the public to know how the public's business is conducted. They do not conceive it to be any part of their duty to enforce the laws or even to obey them themselves if in either case the laws conflict with their private interests, or the interests of any of their friends. It is no part of their belief that the county's affairs should be as economically and efficiently administered as the affairs of a large privately owned business.

But is there any reason why the voters should accept the viewpoint of the gangsters about such an important matter? Most of them would not be given a second's consideration as possible employees of a private business engaged in large undertakings that involved the expenditure of such large sums of money as pass through the hands of the sheriff every year.

Why should the voter not make up his mind that this is a business rather than a political matter and resolve to have a business government of the county? Eventually this will have to be done, and it might as well be done now when the opportunity is exceptionally favorable because of the particular fitness of the candidates for county offices on the Republican ticket.

W. H. Veach, the Republican candidate for sheriff; Rollo Conley, who became a candidate for prosecuting attorney after earnest solicitation, and W. P. Mason, who is running for a place on the county commission, are business men rather than politicians. They are splendidly qualified for the positions they have been nominated for, and they are pledged to give the people of Marion county a business administration in the best sense of that term.

This latter consideration is a highly important one. As the Democrats have planned it no break in the county ring is to be permitted. One man who has had ample opportunities to become schooled in the devious methods by which taxpayers may be robbed without incurring the danger of having to serve time in the penitentiary, is to step up to the greater opportunities of the shrievalty, while a willing and pliable student of gang management is to step into a place on the county commission. It is a beautiful outlook for the gang and the taxeating gang dependants, but it is a sorry arrangement, viewed from the standpoint of the people who have to put up the money.

Any break in the ring would upset the calculations of the gang and force a reform that would be little short of a revolution in county administration. If the voters are wise to their own best interests they will smash the vicious ring by overwhelmingly defeating every gang candidate.

Let's resolve to let a little light into the dark places in the Court house!

M.V.T. CO' BUYS THE OLD LIGHTING PLANT

Local Corporation Now Operating Mannington Power Station.

The Monongahela Valley Traction Company is today furnishing electricity for light and power to the city of Mannington, having taken over the plant of the Consumers Electric Light Company of Mannington this morning. There will be no change of rates for the Traction Company agreeing to furnish power at the same rates charged by the old company.

A high tension transmission line is being built as rapidly as possible from the sub station at Farmington to Mannington. As soon as this line is carried into the city, the plant of the Consumers Company will be dismantled and the city fed directly from the Central station at Hutchinson. This will give the city of Mannington unlimited electric service and will encourage industrial expansion in many lines.

The change is viewed with favor by the people of Mannington because the city had grown so rapidly that the old plant was already taxed to capacity while with the new service there will be practically no limit to the service that may be drawn upon.

For the sake of a few votes the Democratic county ring protects bootlegging and makes a joke of the Yost law. Vote the ring out of office.

EPWORTH LEAGUE STATE MEETING

Three Hundred Representatives of Churches Expected at Morgantown

(By Associated Press)
MORGANTOWN, W. Va., Nov. 1.—Delegates arrived here today from all parts of the state as well as from border counties in Maryland and Virginia to attend the annual conference of the Epworth League, Methodist Episcopal church which will open tomorrow night. More than 300 representatives of various churches of that denomination are expected.

Among the early arrivals was Rev. J. E. Wells of Kingwood, W. Va., the state president who will preside at all the sessions. He predicted that the convention would be one of the most important in the history of the league in this state. He said that heretofore the meetings have taken the form of conferences between Epworth League workers but the present session will be conducted more in the nature of an institute, the purpose of which will be to develop and train workers for the leagues of the state.

The principal speaker tonight will be Dr. Wallace B. Fleming, president of West Virginia Wesleyan college at Buckhannon. Following a preliminary business session tomorrow at which committees will be appointed addresses will be made by Rev. Roy McCusker, Wheeling; Dr. Wilbur F. Sheridan, Chicago, general secretary of the Epworth League; Rev. S. S. Hart, Moundsville and Claude E. Tower, Monongahela, Pa.

ADVANCE IN WAGE SCALE OF MINERS OF THIS SECTION

New Schedule is Ten Per Cent Over Old Scale.

OPERATORS MEET HERE

Car Shortage Hampers Operations of Mines in This Section.

An increase of practically ten per cent in the wage scale of the miners in this section was agreed upon yesterday evening by the Central West Virginia Coal Operators' association which was in session here. This increase was made voluntarily by the operators of this region and had not been asked by the men. This is an effort to keep the men who are now employed and to attract more men from places where as good wages are not paid.

The new wage scale will affect more than ten thousand men in the Fairmont and Clarksburg district and is the first raise in the pay of the men since early last spring. The operators state that the move is to protect themselves as coal operators in other sections seek to draw their miners away with promises of higher pay.

The present car shortage according to local operators only permits them to ship from their mines about 30 per cent of the possible output. This is only sufficient to care for about half of the contracts of the average operator and very little coal can be sold in the open market. This condition has seriously affected West Virginia operators and they have benefited very little from the advance in the market price of coal.

The new schedule of wages will go into effect at once and is as follows: 25 cents increase per day to drivers; 20 cents per day to outside laborers; 5 cents increase on car to pick miners; 2 1/2 cents increase on car machine; 1 cent increase on car to a machine cutter.

MRS. HOUGH DIES AT HER HOME ON MADISON STREET

Aged Lady Had Been in Serious Condition for Several Months.

Mrs. Caroline Virginia Hough, aged 63 years, one of the best known women in the city, died Tuesday evening shortly after four o'clock at her home on Madison street, after a long illness. For the last year Mrs. Hough had been in declining health from paralysis and for the last several weeks her condition had been critical. She had been helpless for many months and had been the object of devoted care on the part of her children and relatives.

Mrs. Hough was formerly Miss Caroline Jackson, a daughter of the late Oliver and Drusilla Jackson, former prominent Fairmont residents. She was united in marriage with Robert Hough, a son of the late Thomas Hough, former proprietor of Skinner's Tavern, then known as the Hough House. Robert R. Hough died about twenty-five years ago, and a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Pinnell, wife of William Pinnell, of Clarksburg, died in July of this year.

Two daughters survive namely, Mrs. Blanche Wilson, wife of Thomas Wilson, and Miss Josephine Hough, both of this city, the latter residing with her mother at the old Jackson home-stand on Madison street. Two granddaughters, Caroline Wilson and Mildred Pinnell, the latter of Clarksburg, also survive. One brother, Charles O. Jackson, survives. Three brothers, Samuel Newton, Thos. N. Jackson and Joseph Sands Jackson are deceased.

Mrs. Hough was well known in the community though for the last several years ill health had incapacitated her from active duties. She was a devoted mother and her ill health and death has greatly saddened the home. Funeral services will be held on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence on Madison street. Rev. C. E. Goodwin will conduct the services assisted by Dr. H. G. Stoetzer. Interment will be made in Woodlawn cemetery by Undertaker R. C. Jones.

A POLITICAL EXCURSION

C. J. Proudfoot, general passenger agent of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, was asked by the Democrats to furnish a car for the Neely club to go to Wheeling to hear Mansfield speak tonight. The car was furnished and attached to Train No. 71 leaving here at 1:24 this afternoon. There was ONE passenger on it. This information was given out officially by the Baltimore and Ohio railroad. The Neely bunch asked for a car for 56 people.

DEUTSCHLAND ARRIVES AT NEW LONDON ON HER SECOND TRIP FROM GERMANY



CAPTAIN KOENIG

MUMMERS PARADE IS A BIG SUCCESS

Good Natured Orderly Crowd Fills Main Street to Capacity

A swaying, teeming, singing, colorful, happy mob was in possession of the streets of Fairmont last night, the largest number of persons in the history of the city being packed into Main street in celebration of All Hallowe'en. The crowd was perhaps the most respectable and law-abiding that has made merry in the city for years. The feature was the parade, longer, gayer and brighter than even its most enthusiastic promoters hoped for. Up Main street it came at eight o'clock, pressing the mob of thousands that filled the street, up past the court house—there to be lost in the swirling mob of humanity at the Jefferson-Main crossing. Because the parade became disorganized at this point, it was not possible for the judges to review it in its entirety therefore the costume prizes totaling \$7.50 were not awarded.

The big crowd was well handled by the police and no real disorder occurred to mar the evening. The celebration was the third organized effort to celebrate Hallowe'en in the city and the success last night plants it firmly as the biggest day of the year in Fairmont.

The number of out-of-towners present was one of the surprises of the evening. Trains, street cars and automobiles carried thousands from the bordering districts to take part in the revelries.

TROUBLES OF MINE OPERATORS

COLUMBUS, Nov. 1.—Ohio coal operators not only face a car shortage but a labor shortage which is becoming serious. Fred W. Bragins, head of the Loraine Coal and Dock company, one of the largest operators in East Ohio said today. He said miners were leaving coal mines because of lack of work due to car shortage and going into mills and factories to work.

JOHN COPELAND ACQUITTED

GALVESTON, Nov. 1.—John Copeland, charged with killing of William Black, an anti Catholic lecturer lecturer was found not guilty by a jury in district court here today.

DOUGHNUTS GO UP IN PRICE

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—The lowly doughnut has succumbed to high cost of living in many of the downtown lunch places where three doughnuts heretofore could be had for 5 cents only two were served today.

AMERICAN AVIATORS KILLED

PARIS, Nov. 1.—Two American aviators have been killed near Nancy, according to a dispatch received here. It gives no further details.

The Weather

West Virginia—Fair tonight and Thursday not much change in temperature.

LOCAL WEATHER READINGS

F. P. Hall, Observer
Temperature at 8 a. m. today 41.
Yesterday's weather cloudy; temperature, maximum 68; minimum 37; precipitation .09.

Democratic county officers say they can't stop bootlegging. Elect Republicans who will.

Captain Koenig and Crew are Elated With Their Success

STARTED OCTOBER 10

Cargo Prepared for the Bremen Will Be Taken Back.

(By Associated Press)
NEW LONDON, Conn., Nov. 1.—Germany's first commercial submarine, the Deutschland, arrived here early today completing her second voyage through the warships of Great Britain and France on both sides of the Atlantic.

Under Captain Paul Koenig, who was in command during her first trip to Baltimore, the Deutschland left Bremen October 10 and tied up at her berth prepared for her here at 2:30 o'clock this morning.

The German submarine entered the lower harbor shortly after midnight. For several weeks the Eastern forwarding company agents for her owners had a tug each night off Montauk point ready to meet the Bremen but the tug was withdrawn some time ago.

It was evident that the forwarding company had some warning of the Deutschland's arrival however, for a tug was engaged and Capt. Hinech, of the company, accompanied by the health officer, steamed out to meet the submarine. The North German Lloyd steamer Willach had been at dock here for a number of weeks awaiting the arrival of the Bremen submarine, freighter let her search light play on the water marking a path by which the Deutschland traveled to her wharf.

Capt. Koenig said he had expected to leave Bremen October 1st but that his boat was injured in a collision and was forced to put back for repairs which delayed his sailing 10 days.

The captain and crew of 25 men were in excellent health and high spirits over the success of the second venture. The Deutschland carried clearance papers for Baltimore or any Atlantic port.

Capt. Koenig said that except for an unusually rough weather the trip across had been uneventful. The Deutschland's cargo is said to consist mainly of chemicals and medicine. A return cargo for the Deutschland consisting mainly of crude rubber and surgical supplies valued at more than \$40,000, has been ready on the pier of the Eastern Forwarding company for weeks. This cargo made up in small packages is stowed in a shed of corrugated iron 400 by 25 feet built at the water's edge on one of the new state piers recently completed and leased by the Eastern company for an indefinite period.

NEW LONDON, Nov. 1.—The German submarine Deutschland which arrived here from Bremen after what was said to be an uneventful voyage of 21 days has a cargo of 750 tons of dye stuff, medicines and chemicals.

A gang of stevedores were prepared to remove the cargo but permission has not been granted by the custom officials.

Crowds thronged the dock during the forenoon in the hope of getting a glimpse of the craft but were disappointed. The submarine is so well submerged in her pockets that not even her mast shows. Detectives and policemen kept the crowd back.

LABORERS 28c Per Hour

New Normal School grounds, Locust Avenue.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

The 1916 tax books are now completed and ready for collection. The books for all Districts will be found at the Sheriff's Office daily until Nov. 30th, the close of the discount period except Mannington district, which will be found at the Bank of Mannington. Please pay today as I have more time to wait on you now than later.

C. D. CONAWAY, Sheriff

NOTICE

City taxes are now due and payable at the City Treasurer's Office, Monroe street. A discount of 2 1/2% will be allowed.

J. R. MILLER,
Treasurer.